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THERE is not any Inſtance of Penetration and Wiſdom more extoll'd than that of *Solomon*'s in the Affair of the Harlots, and the dead, and living Child: Neither, perhaps, is there any genuine Fact, in all Hiſtory, that has any Title to vie with it for Intricacy, or Perplexity: 'Tis probable that none but the wiſeſt of Men could have ever diſcover'd the Truth, and Perſons of very ſublime Underſtanding might have try'd at it in vain. But what would have baffled the Diſcernment of others was Matter of the greateſt Glory to him, and the *Jews* ſaw, with Admiration, a Youth triumph over the Sagacity of their moſt antient and moſt celebrated Sages.

Some may poſſibly quote the Juſtification of *Suſannah*, from the Arraignment of the *Elders*, by *Daniel*, as an Inſtance of equal Wiſdom, and equal Succeſs: But I am far from being of their Mind. A common Lawyer, in *Weſtminſter-Hall*, would have underſtood croſs-examining Evidences as well as he, perhaps better, and, of courſe, would put in a ſuperior Claim for Wiſdom and Reputation.

I find indeed a little Tale, which, tho' long publiſhed, is little known, and is the only Circumſtance that bids fair to make a nice Compariſon, and, upon the Whole, may be intitled to the Advantage. I ſhall give it my Readers as I find it, and hope it will afford them as much Entertainment as it has done me.

A certain Eaſtern King, finding his laſt Moments draw nigh, ſent for the three Princes his Sons, and ſaid to them, My dear Children, in the Corner of my Cloſet, on the left Hand as you go in, I have hid a Box in which are the fineſt Jewels in the World. I command you to divide them equally among you, when I am dead, and you have paid my Remains the Rites due to them.

The King died: But the youngeſt Son, impatient to inſpect the Box his Father had ſpoke of, went alone into the Cloſet, found it, and was ſo taken with the Beauty of the Jewels, that he reſolv'd to keep them, and deny his Taking them: The two other Princes, when the Obſequies of their Father were perform'd, mov'd by the ſame Curioſity as their Brother, haſten'd to the Cloſet, and were much ſurpriz'd not to find what they look'd for: While they were yet buſy in Searching, the third Prince came in: Well, Brothers, ſays he, are the Jewels fine indeed? You know better than we, anſwered the eldeſt; I am much miſtaken if you have not ſtole them away. Very pretty, ſaid the youngeſt Prince; you have taken them away yourſelves, and now you accuſe me of it: Hear me, Brothers, ſaid the ſecond Prince: One of us three moſt certainly has them; becauſe no other Perſon beſide could get into the Cloſet: If you think fit, we will ſend for the *Cady*, who is eſteem'd the moſt cunning and penetrating Man in all *Cairo:* He ſhall examine us, and will perhaps diſcover the Thief: The other two Princes conſented, and the *Cady* was ſent for. He having heard their Buſineſs ſaid to them: My Lords the Princes, before I declare which of you three has taken the Jewels, I beſeech you to hearken with Attention to the Adventure I am going to relate.

There was, heretofore, a certain young Man who was paſſionately in Love with a young Woman, that had an Affection for him. They wiſh'd both of them to be join'd together in Wedlock; but the Parents of the young Woman had other Views for her: They had promiſed her to another, and the Day was fix'd for their Marriage. She met him ſhe lov'd, and ſaid to him with Tears in her Eyes: You know not what's a-doing, My Relations are about to give me to a Man I never ſaw, and I muſt renounce forever the ſweet Hopes of being yours. O cruel Neceſſity! ah my Queen! my Sultaneſs! cry'd the Lover in Deſpair, what is it you tell me? Is it poſſible they ſhould deprive us of what we both deſire? O Heaven! What will become of me? Saying this the Tears came into his Eyes: They began to lament their Misfortune, and their mutual Griefs ſeem'd to increaſe their mutual Pain. But, while the Lover's Thoughts were wholly taken up with his Diſtreſs, the Miſtreſs was ſo kind as to think how to relieve his Affliction. Moderate, ſaid ſhe, this unavailing Sorrow. I promiſe you on my Wedding Night, even before I have bedded with my Huſband, to come to your Lodging. This Promiſe comforted the Lover a little, and he waited for the Night with as much Impatience as the Bridegroom himſelf.

Mean while the Parents of the Maiden made Preparations for the Wedding, and, at length, carried her to the Man they had allotted for her. 'Twas Night, and the new-married Couple were retir'd into the nuptial Chamber. But, as they were preparing to go to Bed, the Bridegroom perceiv'd the Bride to weep bitterly. What is the Matter, Madam? ſaid he, What is the Cauſe of your Tears? If you had any Regret to give yourſelf to me, why did you not declare it ſooner? I would not have marry'd you againſt your Conſent. The Lady anſwered ſhe had no Averſion for him: If ſo, Madam, reply'd he, why do you afflict yourſelf? I conjure you to tell me the Cauſe. In ſhort, he importun'd her ſo much, that ſhe confeſſed ſhe had a Lover: But that the Love ſhe had for him was not ſo much the Subject of her Sorrow and her Tears, as the Impoſſibility ſhe was in of keeping a Promiſe ſhe had made him.

The Huſband was a Man of Good Senſe, and well-natur'd. He admired the Simplicity of his Wife, and ſaid: Madam, I take the ingenuous Declaration you have made, ſo well, that, inſtead of reproaching you for having made an indiſcreet Promiſe, I will give you Leave to perform it. What, Sir, ſaid ſhe interrupting him, in a great Surprize, can you conſent to let me go to my Lover? Yes, I do conſent, reply'd the Huſband, on Condition that you return before Day, and will give me your Word, never more to make the like Promiſes to any Man. This ſhe readily ſwore to, and the Huſband, relying upon her Oath, open'd the Door himſelf, leſt his Domeſticks ſhould learn the Adventure, and the Lady went out as ſhe was, dreſt in her Wedding Cloaths, which were covered over with Jewels.

She was ſcarce gone twenty Steps from Home, when ſhe met a Thief, who, by the Light of the Moon ſeeing her Diamonds glitter, was tranſported with Joy, and thought Fortune had reſolv'd with one lucky Adventure, to enrich him forever. But, when he came up, and look'd her in the Face, he was as much aſtoniſh'd with her Beauty, as before tranſported with the Richneſs of his Prize, and was at a Loſs to know which to riſle firſt. At laſt, he could not help enquiring, by what Caprice of Fortune ſo fine a Lady, ſo expenſively adorn'd, was abroad ſo late, alone, and unattended. The Bride was as frank to the Thief as the Huſband, and related her whole Adventure. He hearken'd with the greateſt Surprize: What, Madam, ſaid he, Could your Huſband be ſo complaiſant? Could he give up to a Lover, and a Rival, the firſt and moſt delicious of his Nights? I admire the Singularity of his Conduct, and will endeavour to imitate him by my own. I will be as extraordinary a Thief as he was a Huſband. Go to your happy Lover! and I will be your Guard to ſcreen you from any farther Danger; ſaying this, he led her to her Lover's Houſe, and retir'd.

The Lover was no leſs ſurpriz'd at her Punctuality than the Thief had been before him, and could not help making the ſame Exclamations. The Lady did not fail to tell him he was oblig'd to her Huſband's Generoſity, as well as her own Deſires, for the Favour, and not him only, but even to a Thief too, who grew ſuddenly honeſt by the Force of his Example. Here ſhe told him the Whole of her laſt Adventure, and the Lover was yet even more ſurpriz'd than before. Can I believe, ſaid he, what I hear? a Huſband yields up his Bride to another even on his Wedding Night; a Thief is ſo generous as to ſacrifice the moſt lucky Opportunity that ever Chance threw in his Way. The Adventure is certainly new; all future Ages will admire it. But, ſtill to increaſe the Wonder of Poſterity, I will follow their Example; the Lover ſhall return the Wife unblemiſh'd to the Huſband, and forego the only Minute that could ever make him happy. He did not wait for her Reply, but, taking her by the Hand, led her home himſelf to her Huſband.

Tell me now Princes, continued the *Cady*, which of the three you think made the greateſt Sacrifice, the Huſband, the Thief, or the Lover? The eldeſt Prince declared for the Huſband, the ſecond for the Lover, and the laſt for the Thief. Both the Lover and the Huſband continued the youngeſt, as Men of Honour, were under ſome Sort of Obligation to be virtuous. But the Thief had avowedly diſown'd its Influence, and therefore I think it was the moſt Merit in him to reſiſt ſo opportune a Temptation. To this the *Cady* inſtantly replied, Sir, by this Deciſion you have diſcovered the Bent of your Conſtitution; and I may venture boldly to charge you with the Fraud. Produce the Jewels! and let your frank Acknowledgment make Amends for your paſt Guilt. The Prince bluſh'd, and did as he was deſir'd.

The Attempt.

APOLLO, and ye ſacred *Nine!*
Inſpire my Muſe, with Lays divine,
The bright *Alexippe*, (lovely Fair!
My Wiſh, my Hope, my only Care!)
Her matchleſs Virtues to declare.
In her is center'd all that's bright:
Meridian Beauty, (dazzling Sight!)
And countleſs Rays of piercing Wit.
There's all that can the Paſſions warm:
There's all that can the Fancy charm:
And (to expell what's ill from thence,)
An inexhauſted Fund of Senſe.
A Fund of Senſe, whoſe large Supplies
Above the common Meaſure riſe.
Yet is ſhe free from Noiſe and Pride,
And ev'ry reigning Vice beſide.
Addict to Virtue; prone to Good;
Sweetneſs is temper'd in her Blood;
Which humble Sweetneſs ſtands confeſt,
And by her Carriage is expreſt:
So courteous, affable, and free;
So unaffected too; —— as ſhe
(Illuſtrious Maid!) can only be.
Her Conduct in each diff'ring Scene,
So prudent, ſteady, and ſerene,
Declares the wond'rous Soul within.
But when her Thoughts, ſo wond'rous rich,
In all the Ornaments of Speech,
She does expreſs; oh! who can tell,
What Magic in thoſe Accents dwell?
Ceaſe then, my Muſe, your vain Deſign;
The too unequal Task decline;
Nor hope her Beauties to define:
Suffice it that this lovely Maid
Exceeds whatever can be ſaid;
That ſhe's th' Epitome of all,
I hope, or wiſh, or good can call.

CORYDON.

SATURDAY, *Sept.* 1.

A few Days ſince a Commiſſion was iſſued, under the Great Seal of *Great Britain*, empowering Sir *John Williams*, Knt. Sir *John Taſh*, Knt. *Thomas Maylin*, Eſq; and other Gentlemen, in Number 13, to enquire into the Abuſes in the Eccleſiaſtical Court of *Canterbury*, and other inferior Courts within that Juriſdiction.

A Monument ſacred to the Memory of the late celebrated *John Gay*, Eſq; is going to be put up in the Poets Corner of *Weſtminſter-Abbey*, at the Expence of his Grace the Duke of *Queenſbury* and *Dorset*. And the Right Hon. *John Barber*, Eſq; Lord Mayor of this City, has given Leave to the Dean and Chapter of *Weſtminſter*, to remove the Buſto of the famous *Samuel Butler* over Poet *Spencer*'s Monument, to the End a convenient Space may be had for Mr. *Gay*'s Monument.

Extract of a Letter from Savannah, *in* Georgia, June 25.

On the 12th Mr. *Oglethorpe* went up to the Horſe-Quarter, which lies up the River ſix Miles above this

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Place; he took with him Capt. *Macpherſon*, with a Detachment of his Rangers; after a March of 40 Miles Weſtward into the Country, he choſe a Poſt which commands the Paſſages by which the *Indians* uſed to invade *Carolina* in the late Wars: Upon this Situation, which is a very happy one, being an Eminence which commands all the Country round, with a great and deep River at the Foot of it, Capt. *Macpherſon* has undertaken, purſuant to Mr. *Oglethorpe*'s Plan, to erect a Fortification, to be call'd *Fort Argyle*: He and his Rangers are to be quarter'd there, and ten Families from hence to remove thither to cultivate Lands, which will be granted them in that Neighbourhood. While Mr. *Oglethorpe* was at *Charles-Town*, an *Indian* ſhot himſelf near our Town: His Uncle, who is the War-King of the *Forks*, with his Friends, finding him dead, and believing that he had been murder'd by the *Engliſh*, ſwore he would be revenged on them. King *Tomo Chi Chi*, being informed thereof came to the Place, and ſtrove to quiet the *Indians*, that he was perſuaded that it could not be the *Engliſh* that kill'd him, therefore deſir'd that they would enquire better into the Matter; but the Uncle continuing in great Rage, *Tomo Chi Chi* laid his Breaſt bare, and ſaid, *If you will kill any Body, kill me, for I am an* Engliſhman, which pacify'd them; and upon further Examination, it was found, that for ſome Days he had been in Deſpair, and deſired ſeveral of the *Indians* to ſhoot him; and an *Indian* Boy ſaw him kill himſelf in the following Manner; he placed the Muzzle of his Gun under his Chin, and with his great Toe puſh'd the Trigger.

The following Account being of an extraordinary Nature, and from a Gentleman who has been many Voyages to the *Weſt-Indies*, and other Parts of the World, we preſume will not be diſagreeable to our Readers; it's dated in *Norfolk* the 24th ult. and is as follows, *viz.* Five Days ago a Fiſh was taken on the Sands near *Wells*, and as I ſaw it I can aſſure you, that I never ſaw or heard of any Thing like it. It is forty Inches long, and in the Middle it's eight Inches from the Back to the lower Part of the Belly, almoſt round, and taper to the Tail, very ſmall, to three Inches; it has four Fins, or Paws, two before and two behind, the Fore-Fins are ten Inches long and five Inches broad, webb'd like a Duck, and divided into five Parts, with Claws at the End of each Part an Inch long; the Hind-ones are of the ſame Length as thoſe before, but are ten Inches broad, two Inches between each Claw; the Fins, or Paws, are jointed both before and behind; the Head reſembles a Tyger's, having Teeth ſharp and long, with Smellers, and a very quick full Eye; it has two ſmall Holes, which it hears through, in the ſame Poſition with Quadruples; it's of a Dun Colour, very ſleek and fine Hair about half an Inch long, and a ſhort Bob Tail an Inch and an half long. While I was admiring of it a young Cat came into the Room, on which it lifted up its Head, and look'd eager at it as a Cat at a Mouſe. It's now alive, and carried to *Norwich* for a Shew.

York, Aug. 27. At *Embaſy*, in the Pariſh of *Skifton* in *Craven*, *Yorkſhire*, a moſt dreadful Fire broke out on the 12th Inſtant at Noon, which being encouraged by a violent ſtrong Weſterly Wind, proved ſo irreſiſtible, as, tho' ſpeedy Help came, there were 46 Dwelling-Houſes and Barns conſumed in the Space of three Hours; many of the Sufferers having loſt all their Goods, and moſt of the reſt all their Hay and Winter-Fuel: The Damage is computed at above 2000 l.

Preferment. Mr. *William Pomeroy*, an eminent Wholeſale Linnen Draper in *Leadenhall ſtreet*, is choſen Common-Council-Man of *Lime ſtreet* Ward, in the room of Mr. Deputy *Tombs*, deceas'd.

Marriage. Yeſterday *Richard Thomſon*, of *Lincoln's-Inn*, Eſq; was married to Miſs *Pen Cave*, youngeſt Daughter of the Lady *Cave*, of *Southampton-Row*.

Deaths. On Wedneſday laſt died at *Reading* in *Berkſhire*, aged 105, Mrs. *Mary Malton*, a Maiden Gentlewoman, reputed to have died worth 10,000 l.——Yeſterday died, at his Houſe in *Southwark*, *Samuel Palmer*, Eſq; ——On Thurſday Night died ſuddenly in *Bedford Row*, *John Hawkins*, Eſq; Brother of *Philip Hawkins*, Eſq; Member of Parliament.

MONDAY, *Sept.* 3.

Laſt Saturday Mr. *Sinclair*, of *Hyde-Park-Corner*, drove a Chaiſe with one Horſe from the *Red-Lion* at *Barnet* to St. *Giles's-Pound* in 53 Minutes, for a Wager of 50 Guineas; he was allow'd an Hour to perform it in: It is computed that there was upwards of 5000 l. depending.

On Saturday laſt Col. *Manning*'s Company of the third Regiment of Foot Guards, was drawn up in the *Privy-Gardens*, *Whitehall*, when two Youths, Nephews to *Stephen Pountz*, Eſq; and Grenadiers in his Royal Highneſs the Duke's Company of Lilliputian Soldiers, preſented themſelves to the Colonel, properly armed and accouter'd, and went through the manual Exerciſes with the Soldiers in the moſt regular Manner, to the intire Satisfaction of a great many Perſons of Quality and Diſtinction preſent. Col. *Manning* gave afterwards a handſome Gratuity to the Soldiers, to drink the Duke's Health.

On Saturday laſt a Man fell out of the Ferry-Boat at *Jeremy's Ferry*, and was drowned.

Robbery. Laſt Friday the *Worceſter* Stage-Coach going from *London*, was robb'd by a ſingle Highwayman near *Uxbridge*, who rifled the Paſſengers of Money and Notes to a conſiderable Value; ſoon after which he robb'd a Gentleman in a Coach and Six, of a Gold Watch, a Diamond Ring, and 6 l. in Money. The ſame Perſon has infeſted that Road for ſeveral Weeks paſt, and ſeveral Purſuits have been already made after him, but to no Purpoſe.

Commitment. Laſt Saturday five Boys on the Information of one *John Smith*, alias *Nimble Catch*, a Youth about 12 Years of Age, were apprehended at a Houſe in *Maynor-ſtreet*, St. *Giles's*, for being concerned with the ſaid *Smith* in ſeveral Street-Robberies and Shop-lifting, and were committed to *Newgate*, and the Evidence was ſent to *Bridewell*, in order to appear againſt them at the enſuing Seſſions. It is reported that there are nine in the Gang, and all Boys under 15 Years of Age.

Preferment. Laſt Week the Lord Chancellor was pleaſed to preſent the Rev. Mr. *Pearce*, M. A. to the Rectory of *Hodent* in *Shropſhire*, void by the Death of the Rev. Mr. *Rowland Woodward Hill*.

Marriages. Mr. *John Montier*, an eminent Broker in *Tower-Royal*, was married on Saturday laſt to a *French* young Lady of 5000 l. Fortune.——A few Days ſince ——— *Theobalds*, was married to Miſs *Laughton* of *Hackney*, a young Lady of a conſiderable Fortune.

Deaths. Yeſterday died, at his Houſe in *Park-Place*, *John Billingsley*, Eſq;——On Saturday died, in the 76th Year of his Age, the Rev. Mr. *Arnold*, Miniſter of St. *James's* in the City of *Briſtol*.

Bankrupt. Thomas Swallow, late of *Piccadilly*, in the County of *Middleſex*, Innholder and Chapman.

TUESDAY, *Sept.* 4.

We learn from *Oxford*, that the famous College of St. *Mary Magdalen* in that Univerſity, founded above three hundred Years ago by *William Wainfleet*, Biſhop of *Winchеſter*, being in part pull'd down, the firſt Stone of the new Buildings was laid a few Days ſince by a Proxy of the Biſhop of *Worceſter*, who was Preſident of the ſaid College in the Reign of King *James* II. and with the Fellows ejected by that Prince, but afterwards reſtor'd. His Lordſhip has given 1000 l. towards the Work. The inner Quadrangle or Court-Yard of the new College is to be 300 Feet ſquare, and 'tis ſaid that the Whole will coſt 100,000 l.

They write from *Briſtol*, that the *Charming Molly Snow*, Capt. *Payne*, from *Guiney*, was forced out of the Road of *Nevis*, but returning, ſunk at Anchor. The People on board her got upon her Arning, yet all but the Boatſwain and three more were drowned.

Yeſterday a labouring Man, employed in pulling down the Treaſury-Office, fell down in an Apoplectick Fit, and died immediately.

Yeſterday the two *Alexanders* were remov'd from *New-Priſon* to *Newgate*, in order to take their Trials at the *Old Bailey*, being charged with robbing a Gentleman on Sunday the 15th of *July* laſt, near the *Reſervoir* at *Marybone*, in Company with *Sutton*, *Baker* and *Symonds*.

They write from *Norwich*, that on Sunday was Se'nnight laſt one *Reynolds* an Oſtler, aged about ſeventy Years, was found hanging at the *Angel* in St. *Stephen's* Pariſh in that City: It appeared that he was very drunk when he hanged himſelf, and the Coroner's Inqueſt found him *Felo de ſe*, and he was according buried in the Highway without St. *Stephen's* Gate.

Laſt Thurſday three Horſes ſtarted at *Bedford* for the Plate of fifty Guineas; the Gentlemen rode their own Horſes, and Sir *Humphry Monoux* won the Plate.

Deaths. Laſt Friday died, at his Houſe at *Acton*, Mr. *Charles Maſon*, formerly a noted *Weſt-India* Merchant of this City.——A few Days ſince died the Rev. Mr. *Beverley*, A. M. Rector of *Fifield* and *Willingham Doe*, both in the County of *Eſſex*.

WEDNESDAY, *Sept.* 5.

On Monday Night laſt a Quarrel, and afterwards ſome Blows, happening between two of the Soldiers Wives belonging to the Detachment of the firſt Regiment of Foot-Guards now at the *Tower*, a Serjeant was fetch'd into the Barracks, in order to remove the Aggreſſor; but her Huſband, one *Joſeph Blunt*, a private Centinel in Col. *Inwood*'s Regiment, taking her Part, and being ſuppos'd to be in Liquor, ſwore he would be the Death of any one who ſhould pretend to turn her out, and putting a Ball into his Piece, preſented it at the Serjeant, who thereupon retreated, and going to the Guard-Room, and procuring a Corporal with a File of Muſqueteers, return'd with them to the Barracks, but had no ſooner enter'd the Door, when the Soldier cry'd out, *Bob, take Care of yourſelf*, and diſcharging his Piece, unhappily ſhot the Corporal at the Head of his Men, the Ball entering his Left Side juſt below the Heart, and coming out at his Back, ſo that falling down upon one of the Beds, he expir'd immediately. The Serjeant was cloſe at his Left Hand, and was probably the Perſon aim'd at, though the other unfortunate Man received the Wound. The Corporal was one *Robert Adair*, and belong'd to Col. *Price*'s Company, and was that Day upon Duty for another Perſon. *Blunt* was immediately ſeiz'd, and being that Night ſecur'd in the Guard-Room, was Yeſterday Morning examin'd before *Henry Vander Eſch*, Eſq; one of his Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the *Tower* Liberty and County of *Middleſex*, and by him committed to *Newgate*, in order to take his Trial at the enſuing Seſſions at the *Old Bailey*.

Yeſterday died the old Lioneſs, the firſt that was ever known to breed in *England*, and who has annually produc'd a Litter of young ones at the *Tower* for ſeveral Years paſt.

On Monday laſt a Man in *Southwark*, upwards of 60 Years of Age, being in Love with a young Girl of 18, by whom he had been refus'd, cut his Throat; but the Aſſiſtance of a Surgeon being timely call'd in, 'tis thought he may recover —— from the Wound of the Razor at leaſt.

The Truſtees for building the new Church of St. *George's*, *Southwark*, have contracted with Mr. *Porter* to have the old Church for 700 l. and have likewiſe entered into an Agreement with the ſaid Mr. *Porter* to carry on the new Structure.

Commitments. Yeſterday a Man was committed to *Newgate*, for raviſhing a Girl of 12 Years of Age.—The ſame Day a Woman was committed to the ſaid Jail, for robbing a Houſe in *King-ſtreet*, *Weſtminſter*, of Plate to the Value of about 7 l.

Preferment. On Sunday laſt Miſs *Williams*, a *Herefordſhire* Lady, kiſs'd the Queen's Hand upon her being appointed a Maid of Honour to her Majeſty, in the room of the Hon. Miſs *Fitzwilliams*, now Counteſs of *Pembroke*.

Death. Laſt Saturday died at *Hampton-Court*, Mr. *Hartoff*, eldeſt Son of Baron *Hartoff*, his Majeſty's principal Miniſter for the Affairs of *Hanover*.

Bankrupts. Robert Smith, late of *Great Dunmow*, in the County of *Eſſex*, Innholder and Chapman.—*Archibald Downey* and *William Downey*, late of *Stenning*, in the County of *Suſſex*, Chapmen and Partners.—*James Dawes*, of *White Walton*, in the County of *Berks*, near *Maidenhead*, Chapman.

THURSDAY, *Sept.* 6.

Yeſterday Morning about Seven o'Clock, a Fire happen'd at Mr. *Field*'s Still-houſe in *Whitecroſs-ſtreet*, occaſion'd by the Plug of the Still forcing out, which ſet Fire to the Spirits that were in the Still; but by the timely Aſſiſtance of the Neighbours and Firemen, it was extinguiſh'd without doing much Damage.

The ſame Morning the Coroner's Inqueſt ſat on the Body of *Robert Adair*, the Corporal who was kill'd laſt Monday Night at the Barracks in the *Tower* by a private Centinel, as before-mention'd, and brought in their Verdict *Wilful Murder*.

Yeſterday the Wind blowing freſh at full Weſt, kept back the Flux of the Tide above Bridge near two Hours longer than its Time, which occaſion'd the Water to be ſo very low, that ſeveral People got on the Gravel in the Middle of the *Thames*, and found ſeveral Things of Value.

They write from *Fox-Farm* in the Pariſh of *Swell*, near *Stow* in *Glouceſterſhire*, that ſome labouring People being catch'd laſt Week in the Field in a great Storm of Wind and Rain, retir'd to a neighbouring Wheat-Rick for Shelter; but whilſt they were there, the Rick ſlipt from its Props upon them, and ſmothered two Perſons.

On Monday between One and Two o'Clock in the Afternoon, a Gentleman in a Coach and Six, attended by two Servants on Horſeback, coming over *Epping-Foreſt*, was attack'd by two Highwaymen between *Epping* and *Loughton*, who firſt ſtopt the Servants, and pulling the Bridles off their Horſes, ty'd their Legs therewith under the Horſes Bellies, and then went to the Coach and rifled the Gentleman, his Lady and Daughter, and took a Portmanteau, wherein was Plate, Money, *&c.* to a conſiderable Value; but four Horſemen happening to come in Sight before they had Time to carry it away, they threw it into a Ditch, and rode off.

On Tueſday laſt a Servant of Mr. *Bilſon* in *Tyburn-Road*, who was driving a Cart in *Marybone-Fields*, which was loaded with Rubbiſh, had the Misfortune to fall under the Wheel, which went over him and broke his Thigh to Pieces. He was afterwards carried to St. *Thomas's-Hoſpital*.

Yeſterday ſeveral Priſoners were removed from the *Gatehouſe*, *Weſtminſter*, *New-Priſon*, and other adjacent Jails, in order to take their reſpective Trials at the enſuing Seſſions at the *Old Bailey*, which begins on Wedneſday next;

and 'tis said that there are upwards of 100 Prisoners to be tried at the said Sessions.

The Main-Mast of his Majesty's Ship *Namure*, a second Rate of 90 Guns, which was the Ship that carry'd *Don Carlos* to *Italy*, was lately split to Pieces by Lightning, at her Moorings in the River *Medway* near *Black-Stakes*; by which Accident one of the Men was knocked down, and several others hurt.

Last Tuesday Morning the Duke and Dutchess of *Dorset*, together with their Sons the Earl of *Middlesex* and the Lord *John Sackville*, set out for *Chester*, to embark for *Ireland*. And we hear that upon the Duke's Arrival at *Dublin*, his Grace will immediately call the Parliament of *Ireland*, to meet for the Dispatch of Affairs of some Importance.

Commitment. Yesterday Morning the House of Mr. *Torrena*, in *George-Yard*, *Westminster*, was broke open, and one Mrs. *Tyse*, a Washer-woman, that lodged in the said House, was robbed of Linnen to the Value of 30 l. Two of the young Men were taken in *Tothill-Fields*, as they were digging a Hole in order to put it in the Ground, and being carried before Justice *De Veil*, were by him committed to *Newgate*.

Marriages. Yesterday the Right Hon. *Philip Dormer Stanhope*, Earl of *Chesterfield*, Knight Companion of the most noble Order of the Garter, was married at *Isleworth* to the Right Hon. *Melosina de Schulemburgh*, Countess of *Walsingham* in *Norfolk*, and Baroness of *Aldborough* in the County of *York*, (both Royal Titles) conferr'd on her by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of *Great Britain*, dated *April* 10, 1722. We hear that her Ladyship's Portion is 50,000 l. down, and 3000 l. *per Annum*, payable out of the Civil List Revenue in *Ireland*, during her natural Life.——On Monday last *Edward Spencer*, Esq; was married to Miss *Elizabeth Tim*, a young Gentlewoman of a great Fortune.

Death. On Saturday last died, at *Buscomb* in the County of *Wilts*, —— *Langdale*, Esq; Son and Heir of the late *Thomas Langdale*, Esq; of *York*.

FRIDAY, *Sept.* 7.

His Majesty has intirely approved of a Design of a Building to be raised contiguous to the *Old-Cockpit* at *Whitehall*, for the Reception of the Lords Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Treasurer of *Great Britain*, the two Principal Secretaries of State, and Committees of the Privy Council, *&c.* the Expence whereof 'tis said will amount to about 9000 l. which Design will be put in Execution so soon as the old Building is demolished.

We hear that his *Prussian* Majesty hath obtained Leave to enlist a few tall Men in *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, to recruit his Regiment of tall Grenadiers at *Spandau*.

On Wednesday last a young Lad happening to drive his Cart over some Meat belonging to a Butcher in *Whitechapel*, and being threaten'd by the Owner to be made to pay for it, bought a Pennyworth of Whipcord, and ty'd himself directly upon a Willow-Tree in the Fields near *Bethnal-Green*; but being fortunately discover'd, was cut down before dead.

Lancaster, Aug. 31. On Wednesday last the Assizes ended at this Place. There was the greatest Appearance of Gentlemen to serve on the Grand Jury that any one can remember: And there being a special Jury of Gentlemen of the first Rank and best Estates in the Country, to try a particular Cause, made it a very great Assizes, and brought a deal of Company. The following Address, or Letter of Thanks, was signed by the High Sheriff and the whole Grand Jury and Special Jury (except three) and sent to such Members within the County as voted against the late Excise-Bill, *viz.*

To Sir Edward Stanley, *Sir* Thomas Lowther, *Sir* Thomas Aston, *Barts.* Richard Shuttleworth, Peter Bold, Legh Master, Thomas Lister, William Shippen, Nicholas Fazakerley, *and* Thomas Bootle, *Esqrs;*

We the High Sheriff, Grand Jury, and Gentlemen of the County Palatine of *Lancaster*, having a just Sense of the valuable Services of those worthy Patriots who bravely asserted the Liberties of their Country by a vigorous Opposition of the late pernicious Excise Scheme, do take this Opportunity of publickly expressing our Gratitude for such a great and signal Deliverance, and of making our particular Acknowledgments to you, who have so honourably discharged that Trust which we happily reposed in you; and we desire you to be assured, that we shall always support such Gentlemen as have shewn an unbiassed Concern for the Good of their Country and a generous Regard to the Rights of their Constituents.

The *Shadwell*, Capt. *John Jones*, arrived at *Bristol* on *Saturday* last, from *Nevis*, where she put in after the Hurricane, and came away about the 21st of *July*, she having four Foot Water in her Hold; and lost a Cable and Anchor, kept Company with the St. *Andrew*, Capt. *John Brown*, of and for *Glasgow*, from St *Christopher's*, and parted from her the 27th of *August* off the Coast of *Ireland*. By the said *Shadwell* came the following melancholy Account of the Damage done at *Montserrat* by the late Hurricane, *viz.*

Montserrat, July 18. On the 30th ult. we had as violent an Hurricane here as the oldest Person in this Island can remember. For three Months together we had one continued Series of scorching dry Weather, till the 29th of *June*, about 10 in the Evening, when it began to rain very plentifully, and the greatest Part of the Night, which gave us the pleasing Hopes of a fine Season; but about Five o'Clock on the 30th in the Morning the Wind arose, and blew prodigious hard at N. E. and N. E. by E and held till Seven, when there followed Gusts and Flaws. Noise of which sounded more like Thunder than Wind; the Force of it too was such, that it blew down about three Fifths of the Houses in this Island, and not one in twenty of which were not entirely destroy'd, escap'd without the Loss of some Part, or at least so left upon the Careen, that the next small Gale will level them with the Ground.

As many surprizing Things happen'd in this Tempest, I shall instance a few, *viz.* A Storehouse built opposite to the Custom-House, and about 45 Feet distant, being left uncover'd, the Wind blew the Rafters thereof different Ways, Part was carried with such Force that it broke through the Side of the Custom-House, making a Hole so large, that had not Mr. *Webb*, the Collector, acted with the greatest Conduct, most Part, if not the whole Custom-House, would have been demolish'd.

A Cattle Mill-house, belonging to Mr. *James Hussey*, weighing at least 20,000 lb. was taken up fairly into the Air, carry'd some Distance from its proper Place, lodg'd in a Piece of Canes, and broke in 10,000 Pieces by the Force of the Fall.

An empty Sugar Hogshead was taken off the Ground by the Wind, and carry'd 30 or 40 Yards over a Dwelling-House.

A large Copper, capable of containing 240 Gallons, was by the Wind carried over high Wall, and by the Force of the Fall jammed close together.

A large Mill-Case (weighing about 400 lb.) lying on the Ground, was lifted up on End; and large Trees of four, or five, and six Feet Diameter, were blown up by the Roots. We had on *Friday* the 29th of *June* 34 Wind-mills flying on this Island, many of which were totally destroy'd, and not above five or six have received less than 300 or 400 l. Damage; the Round-houses of many of them were carried prodigious Lengths; the Shafts of some were blown out of the Mills, and stuck perpendicular in the Earth above 10 Yards from their proper Places; Splinters of Timber were drove with such Force, that they stuck so hard into the very Sides of the Houses, as to require great Strength to get them out.

Such Havock is made among our Sugar Canes, as would shock the hardest Heart, and enforce Pity to the Owners; some who had a Prospect of making 200 or 300 Hogsheads of Sugar next Year, would now gladly compound for 60 or 80.

Col. *Lyddell*, a worthy Gentleman, was so bruis'd by the Fall of his House, that he died seven Days after: My Dwelling Houses are entirely demolished, not a Stick thereof is standing; my Provision is blown up by the Roots and carried into the Sea, as was also 12 Acres of Sugar Canes just fit for Sugar.

The Damage sustained in this Island, exclusive of the Shipping, is, on a moderate Computation, 50,000 l. this Currency, and many Gentlemen are 2 or 3,000 l. poorer, than they were on the 29th of *June*.

There were in our Road, at the Beginning of the Storm, the *Sea Horse* Man of War, Capt. *Baker*; the *Arran*, *Hughs*; the *Shadwell*, *Jones*; the St. *William Scooner*, *Mac-Daniel*; the *Kensington* Sloop, *Sayers*; and the *Two Friends* Sloop, *Belcher*, who were all forced to Sea. The Man of War returned with the Loss of all her Masts, Head, and Boats; the *Arran* too, who had but two Men on board (three of them having been drowned as they were fetching Sugar from a Foreign Bay) lost all her Masts, and had she not run foul of the *Shadwell* (who was much damaged thereby) the two Hands must have perished; their Ship was afterwards taken up and towed into St. *Eustacia*. The *Scooner* overset, and all on board her perished, as did the *Kensington* between *Redonda* and *Nevis*; her Master and one more got to *Nevis* on her Rudder, the rest perished, and the Master will scarce recover; the Sloop *Two Friends* probably shared the same Fate, for she was light, and hath not yet been heard of. The greatest Violence of this Storm lasted four Hours, and in the Day, or else many more poor Wretches must have perished.

Robbery. On Saturday last the Right Hon. the Lady *Roberts*, as she was coming from *Hampton-Court*, was attacked near *Sion-House* by a single Highwayman, who took from her to the Value of 20 l. There were two Gentlewomen with her, from one of whom he took a Watch and 6 l. and from the other a Ring and about 3 l.

Marriage. On Sunday last one Mr. *Parker*, who was a Footman in a Nobleman's Family, and with whom a young Gentlewoman (who was a Fortune of upwards of 5000 l.) fell in Love, was married at *Brentford* Church, in the County of *Middlesex*.

Deaths. On Wednesday Night died, at his House at *Charing-Cross*, *John Robinson*, Esq; an eminent Linnen-Draper.——On Tuesday last died, at *Headon* in *Middlesex*, *George Stapleton*, Esq;—— A few Days ago died the Rev. Mr. *John James*, Rector of *Stratfield* in the County of *Southampton* and Diocese of *Winton*.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Aleppo, June 6. N. S.

THough the Report of the Surrender of *Babylon* to the *Persians* was without Foundation; that City continuing to make a brave Defence, and being in no Want of Ammunition or Provisions; yet we have received the disagreeable News from thence, that the *Persian Scach Kouli Kan*, who has an Army of 150 000. all Cavalry, and among them 50,000 *Cui assiers*, had taken the Fortresses of *Mussu'l*, *Ila*, and *Carcuk*, situate upon the *Tigris*, not far from the Outworks of *Bab lon*, and treated the Vanquished with the utmost Humanity and Civility. On the 1st of *May*, the Serasker *Topal Osman* reviewed, in his Camp at *Derbechir*, the Troops newly arrived from *Europe* and the Western Parts of *Asia*, with Design to march at the Head of 150,000 Men, not only to the Relief of *Babylon*, but also to give the *Persians* Battle, in case they persist in their Refusal of Peace upon any but their own high Terms. It is very probable, however, that before he ventures upon a decisive Action, he will wait the Coming up of a great Number of Troops from *Palestine*, *Egypt*, and other Places, which will make his Army 270,000 strong. Upon the Whole, it is expected, that the Day will speedily come, which will be famous in History either for the Reconciliation of the two Empires of *Turky* and *Persia*, or for the entire Destruction of one of them.

Leghorn, Aug. 22. N. S. By Ships arrived here within these few Days from different Nations, we hear that 12 *Turkish* Sultana's, and the like Number of Galleys, commanded by the Captain-Bashaw *Giaum Coggia*, were seen near the Island of *Cerigo*; but it was not known what Course they would steer. It is written from *Barcelona*, that 40 Barques, eight *English*, and two *Dutch* Ships, lay there; that great Preparations were making in all the Harbours of *Spain*, for transporting 18,000 Men; and that though it was given out, that they were designed only to change the Garrison of *Oran*, it was more likely they would go over to *Italy*, if a War should break out between the Emperor and *France*.

Warsaw, Aug. 27. N. S. The Dyet for the Election of a King was opened the 25th; when King *Stanislaus*'s Party took a World of Pains to get a Marshal in their Interest chosen; but the Arrival of an Express with Advice that the *Russians* were actually marching from *Cowno* to *Grodno*, put such a Spirit into the opposite Party, that the Session broke up without doing any Business. Yesterday the Grandees and Senators met again for the same Purpose; but being as much divided as before, they were obliged to break up without coming to the Point. From these Divisions we can prognosticate nothing but Disorder and Confusion. Mean Time, it has been moved to oblige the Regimentary *Poniatowski* to justify his Conduct.

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Ditto at Sight	35
Rotterdam	35 3 a 4
Hamburgh	34 4 a 3
Paris	31 7/8
Bourdeaux	—
Cadiz	42 1/2 a 3/4
Madrid	42 1/8 a 1/4
Bilboa	41 1/8
Leghorn	50 1/2
Genoa	53 1/4
Venice	49
Lisbon	55 3/4 a 5/8
Oporto	54 3/4 a 7/8
Antwerp	35 4
Dublin	12 1/4

AMSTER. *Sept.* 4, N.S. *Exchanges on*	
London	34 8
Ditto at Sight	34 10 a 10 1/2
Hamburgh	32 3/16
Paris	55 1/2
Bourdeaux	55 1/4 a 3/8
Cadiz	100 3/4
Madrid	81 1/2 a 3/8
Bilboa	80 5/8
Leghorn	88 7/8
Genoa	93 7/8
Venice	86 3/8 a 1/2
Lisbon	45 5/16 a 3/4
Agio *per Cent.*	3 1/2
Antw. Lois *p.c.*	1

Hops	
1730	3 *l* to 4 *l*
1731	4 *l* to 5 *l*10
Coals	22 24

GRAIN *per* Quarter.	
Wheat	23 26
Rye	12 16
Barley	13 16
Oates	11 14
Tares	18 20
H. Beans	20 22
H. Pease	16 19
Boil. dit.	19 22

MALT.	
Pale	19 21
Brown	16 19

STOCKS	
S.S.	83 1/2 a 4
Annu.	105 1/2 a 5/8
Bank	145, 144 3/4 a 5
India	152, 151 1/2
3p. C.	97 1/2 a 5/8
MBan	116
Afric.	27
Y. Bu.	
R Aff.	102 1/4
L. ditt	12 3/4
ECop.	1 *l.* 16 *s.*
Woitt	1 *l.*
N. Bank Cir	2 *l* 10 *s*
IBon.	3 *l* 16 *s* a 15 *s*
S.S.	1 *l.* 16 *s*
3p. C. I. Bonds	1 *l.* 18

CHRISTNED		
M. 169	} In all 309	
F. 140		
DIED		
Under	2	254
From 2 to	5 Old	40
5	10	6
10	20	15
20	30	30
30	40	51
40	50	38
50	60	30
60	70	32
70	80	15
80	90	3
Upwards	90	
Bu. M. 245. F. 269.		
Total 514. Decr.		32

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